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TAGS: JA, OVIP (MIKI, TAKEO)

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT

1. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WHICH I HAVE HAD RECENTLY WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, SUBJECT TO THE PRIME MINISTER MIKI'S VISIT WOULD BE IDEAL IN TERMS OF MIKI'S EXPECTATIONS, BOTH SUBSTANTIVE AND CEREMONIAL.

2. NEITHER MIKI NOR MIYAZAWA HAVE MADE ANY SPECIFIC REQUESTS OR SUGGESTIONS TO ME, BUT THE TENOR OF THEIR GENERAL REMARKS LEADS ME TO SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING.

1ST DAY: MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY 1-1/2 HOURS WITH THE PRESIDENT IN LATE MORNING, FOLLOWED BY STATE DEPARTMENT LUNCHEON, HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY AND OTHERS PRESENT. IN EVENING, PRESIDENTIAL "WORKING DINNER" (BLACK TIE) WITH GUESTS INCLUDING SEVERAL CABINET MEMBERS. IF WEATHER PERMITS, PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND PARTY COULD PROCEED AFTER DINNER BY HELICOPTER TO CAMP DAVID; OTHERWISE, PRIME MINISTER COULD GO TO CAMP DAVID THE FOLLOWING MORNING.

2ND DAY: RELAXATION AT CAMP DAVID DURING THE MORNING. LATE MORNING, SECOND MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR FOLLOWED BY LUNCHEON. PRIME

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MINISTER THEN COULD LEAVE FOR NEW YORK LATE ON THE

SECOND DAY OR EARLY THE NEXT DAY.

3. I BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL STRIKE JUST THE RIGHT BALANCE
FOR AN "OFFICIAL" VISIT WITHOUT CAUSING COMPLICATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO THE LEVEL OF CEREMONY APPROPRIATE TO THE EMPEROR'S
STATE VISIT. IN ADDITION, I AM SURE THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD
BE MOST PLEASED BY THE CAMP DAVID ASPECT, NOT ONLY FOR
ITS HISTORICAL CONNOTATIONS, BUT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE
INTIMATELY PERSONAL ASSOCIATION WITH PRESIDENT FORD.
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